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**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA ORDER REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF
ELECTORS IN BYE-ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FROM
23-TIRUPATI (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY.**

[Memo No.764/Elecs.D/2021-64, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, dated:30.03.2021]

The following Order of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, No.3/4/ID/2021/SDR/VOL.II, dated 26th March, 2021 is published:-

ORDER

1. Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Electors Photo Identity Card for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and
2. Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and
3. Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Photo Identity Card under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electors Photo Identity Card at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electors Photo Identity Card may result in the denial of permission to vote; and

4. Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Photo Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling and that both are to be used together; and

5. Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to all electors, according to a time bound prograrpme; and

6. Whereas, Electors Photo Identity Card have been issued to approximate 100% electors in the State of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana & Uttarakhand and

7. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that for the **current bye-elections from 6-Malappuram Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala, 39-Kanniyakumari Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu 23-Tirupati(SC) Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh & 2-Belgaum Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka, 125-Morva Hadaf(ST) Assembly Constituency of Gujarat, 13-Madhupur Assembly Constituency of Jharkhand, 47-Basavakalyan & 59-Maski(ST) Assembly Constituencies of Karnataka, 55-Damoh Assembly Constituency of Madhya Pradesh, 252-Pandharpur Assembly Constituency of Maharashtra, 26-Serchhip(ST) Assembly Constituency of Mizoram, 51-Noksen(ST) Assembly Constituency of Nagaland, 110-Pipili Assembly Constituency of Odisha, 179-Sahara, 24-Sujangarh(SC) & 175-Rajsamand Assembly Constituencies of Rajasthan, 87-Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly Constituency of Telangana and 49-Salt Assembly Constituency of Uttarakhand notified on 12-03-2021 & 23-03-2021**, all electors who have been issued EPIC shall produce the EPIC for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. Those electors who are not able to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents for establishing their identity:-

- (i) Aadhaar Card,
- (ii) MNREGA Job Card,
- (iii) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- (iv) Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- (v) Driving License,
- (vi) Pan Card,
- (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- (viii) Indian Passport,
- (ix) Pension document with photograph,
- (x) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- (xi) Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.

8. In the case of EPIC, clerical errors, spelling mistakes, etc. should be ignored provided the identity of the elector can be established by the EPIC. If an elector produces an EPIC which has been issued by the Electoral Registration Officer of another Assembly Constituency, such EPIC shall also be accepted for identification provided the name of that elector finds place in the

electoral roll pertaining to the polling station where the elector has turned up for voting. If it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the alternative photo documents mentioned in Para 7 above.

9. Notwithstanding anything in Para 7 above, overseas electors who are registered in the electoral roll under Section 20A of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, based on the particulars in their Indian Passport, shall be identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station.

By Order,

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Secretary to the
Election Commission of India.

K.VIJAYANAND,
Chief Electoral Officer,
Andhra Pradesh.